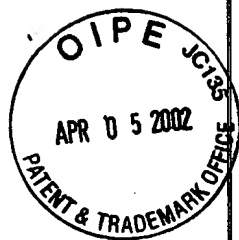


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a clean version of the pending claims. Please amend the claims as follows.

1. A method performed by a communications network, said network comprising nodes interconnected by communication links, at least some of said nodes being connected in a ring by said links, said method comprising:
- accounting for bandwidth based on source steered restoration;
 - reserving bandwidth on a worst-case single failure scenario basis;
 - avoiding redundancy in accounting for reservation protection;
 - applying traffic configuration matrices to determine span loading.

Please add the following new claims 2-16.